

The Parishes of

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Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday – Holy Week March 28th, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday---Holy Week

Estimates say that human beings make as many as 35,000 choices each day. Through his sin of pride, the first man, Adam, attempted equality with God. Through humility and docility, Jesus put aside pride and accepted death on a cross for the salvation of mankind. In each moment, we have a choice—will we follow the example of Adam or the example of Jesus?

Holy Week is Remembered

Where did Lent go? A question asked by many people. To others, Lent has been a very spiritual time. In either way this coming week we will celebrate Holy Week and ultimately the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Because of social distancing and other safety concerns, this week may be different in some small matters but at least we will celebrate the special events of this week, something we were not able to do last year.

Palm Sunday: is celebrated this weekend. We will have palms available, but they will be picked up at the end of Mass like we do with the bulletin. There will be no blessing of palms at the back of the church or long processions. We will come out from the sacristy as we do on Sundays. We will hear the Passion and the Mass will continue as usual.

Holy Thursday: The Mass will take place at **6:00 pm at St. Mary's**. There will be no washing of the feet; the Holy Oils blessed by Bishop Nickless on Monday will be presented to our parishes and Avera Hospital and will be accepted at this Mass. The Blessed Sacrament, in a very simple form, will be carried to the Holy Family Altar. We will all be reminded of the Last Supper Jesus celebrated with his Apostles; we participate in that meal at each Mass.

Good Friday: The services will be held at **2:00 pm at St. Mary's** and **6:00 pm at St. Patrick's**. This is the day we again listen to the Passion of Christ and then we will have the opportunity to adore the cross as a group. The Crucifix will be lifted high so for a short time we may all kneel, genuflect, or bow from our pew. Holy Communion will be distributed, and we will all leave in silence.

Holy Saturday: This is the evening when a new fire is started and the new pascal candle is lit for the first time. This year only the ministers on the altar will go outside at **8:00 pm at St. Pat's** to light the fire and the candle. It will then be presented to the congregation and once it is at the altar the Exhault will be sung followed by three readings and the Gospel. Since we have no one joining the church this year we will go to the blessing of the new Holy water and renewing our baptismal promises. Everyone will be blessed by the new Holy Water but we will not be able to put the water in the fonts by the doors. We will again be able to say/and or sing Alleluia.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am at St. Mary's, at 10:30 and 12:00 at St. Patrick's**. Jesus has risen and as family and fellow parishioners we celebrate the promise of eternal happiness in heaven that we are all given.

There will be no choir this year only the organist and the cantor. There will be no missalettes to follow when it comes to the readings and the passion. Altar servers are invited to assist if they are available. All pews in the church are now open for seating, but we are still reminded to keep a 6-foot distance between, except family members, and when you leave keep your distance and don't congregate in the church. Masks continue to be worn and sanitizing your hands is required as is signing-in.

This is a special time of the year. A time we were not able to celebrate last year. I invite everyone to join us with thanks.

Special Almsgiving Opportunities

We end the Lenten season with two special collections. The first collection is for the **Christians in the Holy Land and is scheduled for Good Friday April 2nd**, the envelopes are in your packet. The second collection is a very important collection to support the **Retired and Infirm Priests of our diocese and is taken at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. The money collected will remain in our diocese. Although some priests are viewed as retired, many remain active providing sacramental ministry to our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and throughout our communities. The goal of this collection is \$160,000. Because some insurance policies are limited in the services they cover, the funds generated by this collection are used for those services needed outside the scope of the policy. The envelopes are in your packet and the second collection basket will also be used for this collection. At least 3 retired priests, and after July 6th, 4 priests have served St. Patrick's and 3 served St. Mary's. Please consider a gift and I, on behalf of all of the retired priests, thank you.

Food for Thought---Messages on Daily Calendar

It is hard to get in shape spiritually when you only work out on Sundays.

Faith is putting all your eggs in God's basket.

Palm Sunday-Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah speaks of the well-trained tongue and open ears that God has given him, saying, *The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.*

In the second reading, Saint Paul testifies to the selflessness and humility of Jesus in obediently accepting death on the cross. At Jesus' name *every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

The Gospel narrates Jesus' last hours, from his anointing with perfumed oil by a woman, through his last supper, betrayal, passion, death, and burial.



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. To **Fast-**means that all the faithful between the ages of 18–59, who are otherwise in good health, should eat only one full meal and two lighter meals (that do not equal one full meal) on Good Friday. In addition, the law of **abstinence-** requires that all of those who are 14 years of age or over, no meat is to be eaten.

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday Mass at 8:00 am St. Mary's

Wednesday Mass at 7:30 am St. Patricks followed by Adoration with Benediction at 12:00 noon.

Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary's 6:00 pm

Good Friday service at St. Mary's 2:00 pm and at St. Patrick's at 6:00 pm, **Parish Office** closed Good Friday

Holy Saturday Mass at 8:00 pm St. Patrick's

Easter Sunday St. Mary's 8:30 am, St. Patrick's 10:30 am

Holy Thursday- Liturgy of the Word

The lord gives Moses and Aaron instructions for *the whole community of Israel*: for each household to procure a lamb for slaughter, and its blood applied to the *doorposts and the lintel*. In this way would the Lord know to spare those from destruction. This day would become a perpetual institution.

Paul writes to the Corinthians, detailing the events on the night the Lord Jesus was handed over, where he said: *This is my body that is for you, and This cup is the new covenant in my blood.*

In the Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples during his last supper with them.

Good Friday- Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah prophesies of the suffering servant who would bear our infirmities and *be raised high and greatly exalted.*

In the letter to the Hebrews, the author assures his community that Jesus is *high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses ... yet without sin.*

In the Gospel, Jesus goes with his disciples to the garden, where Judas betrays him; he then undergoes trial and his passion and death, and is buried in the tomb.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.

— St. Rose of Lima

Pray Always

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Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st, 2020 – March 22nd, 2021

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 209,877.86
Total Expenses \$ 205,517.88

Difference + 4,359.98

Sunday Collection: Mar. 13th – 14th \$ 3,880.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 200.00
Loose Collection \$ 70.00
Spanish Mass \$ 0.00
2nd Collection \$ 131.00
Retirement Distribution \$ 450.00
Easter Flowers \$ 130.00
Building Fund \$ 40.00

Bills

Organist (Jan. Feb.) \$ 550.00
Educational Materials \$ 517.89
Utilities: Gas/Electric/Water/Refuse \$ 4,329.49
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 579.92

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 50,974.05
Total Expenses \$ 43,822.98

Difference + 7,151.07

Sunday Collection: Mar. 14th \$ 1,588.50

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 115.00
Candle Income \$ 5.00

Bills

Altar Supplies \$ 208.00

First Eucharist Learning Stations will be held Wednesday, **March 31st** at 5:30 in the Duhigg Center. At least one parent is **required** to attend with their child.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's 2021 Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus will offer a scholarship to graduating seniors from St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes. The scholarship application and information sheet can be downloaded from the KC section (under the more tab) of the church website at www.stpatstmary.com or picked up at the parish office. The application deadline is April 9th.

Other Event

Next Mobile Food Bank is Thursday, **April 1st** from 4-6 pm at Crossroads Community Church. **Do not come before 4:00 pm, remain in your car, we will come to you.**

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 27th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Bob Thomsen

Sunday, March 28th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Juana Ortiz

Monday, March 29th

2:00 pm Chrism Mass (Sioux City)

Tuesday, March 30th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Elvin & Mary Godfredsen

Wednesday, March 31st

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Betty Kintzle

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)

5:30 pm 1st Eucharist Learning Stations (SP-DC)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (5-10) SP Duhigg Center
(K-4) SP Home Class

6:30 pm Rel Ed (3-10) SM Parish Center
(K-2) SM Home Class

Holy Thursday, April 1st

6:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Good Friday, April 2nd

2:00 pm Service at St. Mary's
6:00 pm Service at St. Patrick's
Parish office closed

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

8:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Easter Sunday, April 4th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Frank & Helen Rolling

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Judy Kurth + Pat Kurth

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 8:00 pm April 3 rd	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am April 4 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am April 4 th
Clean-up	Volunteers	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Therese Christensen Sally Miller
Servers	Hayden Cornwall Addison Cornwall		Parker Duitsman Warren Duitsman Bennet Duitsman
Ministers of the Word	Cathy Beaver Braylen Milstead	Brenda Jones	Stacie Inman
Ministers of the Eucharist	Deacon John Rudd Father Schrad Chris Snyder	Brenda Jones Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Sandy Mann Maggie McDermott Bruce Zebedee Deacon John Rudd
Ushers	Aiden White Jenell White Dale & Chris Snyder	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Dan & Carri Duitsman Keith & Bernadette Duitsman
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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